could say just by looking at our voting records who is a
Democrat and who is a Republican. Well, obviously, there
are extremes and there are those circumstances where you can
make that distinction but many of us are very close to one
another in terms of philosophies, yet we are of different
parties. And I would ask you only to look back over the
years on a larger scale in this state and you can recognize
Nebraskans in general are that way. Tell me who was a
Democrat and who was a Republican and who was a Liberal and
who was a Conservative when you discuss Ed Zorinsky and
Norbert Tiemann. I think they exemplify the sort of
differences in values that are in each of our parties in
this state that are very hard to distinguish and so when you
have candidates for the Legislature and you see that little
(D) behind their name or that little (R) behind their name,
can you really say what the value system of that candidate
may be because everybody is different and everybody has a
different set of values that they hold personally dear to
themselves, and so because of that I see that there is
arguments in favor of this bill that sound very attractive
but in fact and in practice I really don't think that a
change to a partisan system is one that will make the
difference that we are talking about. It is one, as Senator
Haberman talked about, the public has considered and
rejected.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I think we are proud of our
nonpartisanship. I think we are proud of the effort on each
of our behalfs in trying to work together and I think we
would lose what we have that is special about this
Legislature by moving from a nonpartisan to a partisan
status. Please reject this motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair would remind you that we
are under Call and the members are properly to be in the
Chamber and in their seats until the Call is raised. The
Chair recognizes next Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the
Legislature, I approach this situation from a different